

Annual Report

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Town Officers

	Term Expires
<i>Moderator</i>	
BURRITT H. HINMAN	1950
<i>Town Clerk</i>	
EDWARD B. FULLER	1950
<i>Selectmen</i>	
HAROLD W. RAMSAY	1950
BURRITT H. HINMAN	1951
JESSIE C. SILSBY	1952
<i>Treasurer</i>	
EDITH M. LOWE	1950
<i>Tax Collector</i>	
AMY J. BLODGETT	1950
<i>Health Officer</i>	
ROGER L. HUNT	1950
<i>Library Trustees</i>	
ROSE NILES	1950
ETHEL JOHNSON	1951
FLORENCE DALEY	1952
<i>Town Road Agent</i>	
WILLIAM EGAN	1950
<i>Water Rent Collector</i>	
FRANK A. SMITH	1950
<i>Supervisors of Check List</i>	
HAROLD B. HAPGOOD	1950
WALTER NILES	1950
LESLIE E. BARNETT	1950

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Cemetery Trust Fund Trustees

DOROTHY B. HAPGOOD	1950
PAULINE HUNT	1951
DELIA B. HAPGOOD	1952

Cemetery Trustees

WILLIAM FULLER	1950
LESLIE E. BARNETT	1951
HUGH H. JOHNSON	1952

Public Health Nurse

DELIA B. HAPGOOD, R. N.	1950
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Municipal Court Justice

WILLARD A. RUCH	1950
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Soldiers' Memorial Trust Fund Treasurers

WALTER L. NILES
EDITH M. LOWE

Auditors

HUGH H. JOHNSON	1950
GEORGE ZOULIAS	1950

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Town Warrant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford, County of Coos, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said village of North Stratford, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1950, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To elect two auditors for the ensuing year, or to see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the cost of such an audit.

ARTICLE 3. To elect a treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To elect one selectman for three years, and all other Town officers.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to continue the services of the Public Health Nurse and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for highways, bridges and Town maintenance.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the following: Libraries, Memorial Day, Skating Rinks, Sewers, Street Lighting, Cemeteries, Retirement of Bonds, Long Term Notes, Interest, Insurance, Personal Bonds and any other money for the Town.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate

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\$15,000.00 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name and on the credit of the Town negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year from taxes collected within the current municipal year.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through tax collector's deeds.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95.40 to the White Mountains Region Association, being one 1/100 of one per cent of the town valuation, (10c per \$1000.) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter, and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to permit the Town School athletic activities to use the hall without charge.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to acquire land in Stratford Hollow for a Town Dump, at a cost not to exceed \$100.00.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to adopt the Provisions of Chapter 171-A of Revised Laws, relative to playing games of Beano.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to request the State Tax Commission to make a complete reappraisal of the lands and buildings within the town, to equalize valuations in accordance with the law, and to appropriate money for this purpose.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the following Class 5 Highways:

- A. The Percy road from U. S. Highway 3 to George Shedds.
- B. The Christie road from Bog Brook road to end of road.
- C. The Tetu road from Bog Brook to end of road.
- D. The Stinson road from the Maxie Bordeau place to end of road.

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ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$50.00 toward Blister Rust Control. This amount to be set aside for future use.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise money to plow three additional miles of road in East Stratford.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to exercise its option to purchase the Street Sewer System now under lease from John C. Hutchins at the option price of \$3500.00. If so voted, then to authorize the selectmen to borrow on notes of the town, sufficient money to pay for same.

ARTICLE 19. To hear reports of agents, officers and committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hands and seal at Stratford, this 20th day of February, A. D. 1950.

BURRITT H. HINMAN,
HAROLD W. RAMSAY,
JESSIE C. SILSBY,

Selectmen of Stratford.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

BURRITT H. HINMAN,
HAROLD W. RAMSAY,
JESSIE C. SILBY,

Selectmen of Stratford.

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Budget for 1950

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950 compared with Actual Revenue, and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949.

Sources of Revenue

From State:

	Actual 1949	Est. 1950
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 108.04	\$ 110.00
Railroad Tax	1,142.33	1,150.00
Savings Bank Tax	83.92	85.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	25.79	100.00

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	51.80	50.00
Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court	25.00	25.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	416.00	400.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	74.77	200.00
Income of Department	1,090.50	1,000.00
Income from Municipally owned Utilities:		
Water Department	3,501.02	2,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,871.56	1,500.00
Sale of Town Property	2.25	
Cash Surplus		8,717.69

From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:

Poll Taxes, Regular at \$2	700.00
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Total Revenues from all Sources	
Except Property Taxes	\$16,537.69
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes	45,893.77
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>\$62,431.46</i>

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Purposes of Expenditures

Actual 1949 Est. 1950

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,475.50	\$ 1,750.00
Town Officers' Expenses	800.11	1,000.00
Election & Regis. Expenses	10.00	100.00
Municipal Court Expenses	112.00	115.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other		
Town Bldgs.	1,953.66	1,750.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department		100.00
Fire Department	813.26	350.00

Health:

Health Dept., including hos.	2,968.24	2,350.00
Vital Statistics	13.00	15.00
Sewer Maintenance	220.00	200.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal		100.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance: Summer		
and Winter	2,191.83	1,350.00
Street Lighting	977.66	1,320.00
Gen'l Exp. of Highway Dept.	221.01	10.00
Town Road Aid	309.25	157.08

Libraries:

Libraries	500.00	500.00
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Public Welfare:

Town Poor	497.30	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,253.91	1,500.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans'		
Associations	200.00	200.00
Aid to Soldiers and their		
families	215.49	200.00

Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds	13.50	11.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Municipally owned Water		
and Electric Utilities	229.20	400.00
Cemeteries	89.75	100.00

Unclassified:

Damages & Legal Expenses,		
incl. Dog Damage	306.86	50.00

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<i>Interest:</i>		
On Temporary Loans	40.84	50.00
On Bonded Debt	1,300.00	1,100.00
On Long Term Notes	385.00	357.50
<i>Highways and Bridges:</i>		
Dump S. H.		100.00
<i>Payment on Principal of Debt:</i>		
Bonds	4,000.00	4,000.00
Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00
<i>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</i>		
County Taxes	3,779.07	4,000.00
School Taxes	31,289.91	37,695.88
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>\$57,166.35</u>	<u>\$62,431.46</u>

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Summary Inventory of Valuation

Lands and Buildings (exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$631,093.00
Growing Wood and Timber	86,670.00
Electric Plants	62,295.00
Horses, 66	6,850.00
Cows, 284	35,500.00
Other Neat Stock, 30	3,000.00
Sheep and Goats, 9	115.00
Hogs, 4	100.00
Fowls	1,090.00
Portable Mills	1,500.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	72,714.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	5,135.00
Stock in Trade	36,127.00
Aqueducts	9,850.00

<i>Total Valuation</i> (Exclusive of soldiers' Exemptions)	\$952,039.00
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Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	\$ 29,590.00
Poll Taxes Number 457	914.00
Total Amount of Taxes to be committed to Collector including Town and Pre- cinct Taxes, Poll Taxes and National Bank Stock Taxes	\$ 55,180.22
Average Rate of taxation per one hun- dred dollars valuation for all purposes	\$5.70

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Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

Year of 1949

Appropriations:	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00
Municipal Court Expenses	115.00
Town Hall and Buildings	1,750.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	500.00
Health Department—Hospitals, Clinics and Health Centers	2,350.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Road Aid	155.09
Town Maintenance	1,350.00
Street Lighting	1,320.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	10.00
Sewer Maintenance	200.00
Employees Retirement	84.00
Aid to Soldiers and families	200.00
Libraries	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00
Town Poor	500.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Parks and Playgrounds	11.00
Water and Electric Utilities	400.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Damages and Legal Expense	50.00
Interest	1,735.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	5,000.00
County Tax	3,779.07
School Tax	36,663.30

Total Town & School Appropriations	\$60,637.46
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Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 107.46	
Railroad Tax	1,076.07	
Savings Bank Tax	150.75	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,200.00	
Fines and Forfeits—Municipal		
Court	50.00	
Rent of Town Property	600.00	
Interest Received on Taxes	200.00	
Water & Elec. Departments	2,500.00	
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Total Revenues and Credits	5,884.28	
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	\$54,753.18	
Plus Overlay	427.04	
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$55,180.22	
Less: Poll Taxes at \$2.00	914.00	
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Amt. to be raised by property taxes		
on which tax rate is to be figured	\$54,266.22	
<i>Taxes to be Committed to Collector:</i>		
Property Taxes	\$54,266.22	
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	914.00	
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Total Taxes Committed	\$55,180.22	
Tax Rate Approved by Tax Commission	\$5.70.	

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures - Town of Stratford, N. H. **Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1949**

Title of Appropriations	Receipts and		Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unex. Bal.	Overdraft
	Appropriations	Reimburs.				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1500.00		\$ 1500.00	\$ 1475.50	\$ 24.50	
Town Officers' Expenses	1000.00		1000.00	800.11	199.89	
Election & Registration	50.00		50.00	10.00	40.00	
Municipal Court Expenses	115.00	25.00	140.00	112.00	28.00	
Exp. Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	1750.00	416.00	2166.00	1953.66	212.34	
Police Department	100.00		100.00		100.00	287.47
Fire Department	500.00	25.79	525.79	813.26		
Health Department	2350.00	1090.50	3440.50	2968.24	472.26	
Vital Statistics	15.00		15.00	13.00	2.00	
Sewer Maintenance	200.00		200.00	220.00		20.00
Town Road Aid	155.09		155.09	309.25		154.16
Town Maintenance	1350.00		1350.00	2191.83		841.83
Street Lighting	1320.00		1320.00	977.66	342.34	
Gen. Exp. Highway Dept.	10.00		10.00	221.01		211.01
Libraries	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Old Age Assistance	1000.00		1000.00	1253.91		253.91
Town Poor	500.00		500.00	497.30	2.70	

Memorial Day	200.00	200.00	195.08	4.92	
Aid to Soldiers' Families	200.00	200.00	215.49		15.49
Parks & Playgrounds	11.00	11.00	13.50		2.50
Water & Electric Utilities	400.00	400.00	229.20		
Cemeteries	100.00	100.00	89.75	170.80	
Damages & Legal Expenses	50.00	50.00	301.71	10.25	
Employees Retirement	84.00	84.00			251.71
Interest	1735.00	1735.00	1725.84	84.00	
Payments on Prin. of Debt	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	9.16	
County Tax	3779.07	3779.07	3779.07		
School Tax	36663.30	36663.30	31289.91	5373.39	
	<u>\$60637.46</u>	<u>\$62194.75</u>	<u>\$57156.28</u>	<u>\$7076.55</u>	<u>\$2038.08</u>
				2038.08	
				<u>\$5038.47</u>	

Unexpended Balance of Appropriations

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BALANCE

<i>Assets</i>	
<i>Cash:</i>	
In hands of treasurer	\$15,822.20
<i>Accounts Due to the Town:</i>	
Due from State: Bounties	43.25
David Stone, Hospital Account	116.00
James Provencher Estate	406.55
Graydon Williams, Hospital Account	39.00
<i>Uncollected Taxes:</i>	
Levy of 1949	10,212.04
Levy of 1948	5,164.45
Levy of 1947	1,460.06
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Total Assets	\$33,263.55
Excess of liabilities over assets	
(Net Debt)	9,843.96
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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$43,107.51
Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, '48	\$24,270.35
Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, '49	9,843.96
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Decrease of Debt	\$14,426.39

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SHEET

<i>Liabilities</i>	
<i>Accounts Owed by the Town:</i>	
Bills outstanding	\$ 647.12
Employees Retirement	84.00
Amt. set aside for revaluing property	1,000.00
Due to State—Special \$3 Poll Taxes	3.00
Due to School District: Dog licenses	5,373.39
<i>Long Term Notes Outstanding:</i>	
Water Notes—Issue of 1938, 2¾ pct.	13,000.00
<i>Bonds Outstanding:</i>	
Water Bonds, Issue of 1920, 5 pct.	12,000.00
Water Bonds, Issue of 1921, 5 pct.	11,000.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$43,107.51</u>
<i>Grand Total</i>	<u>\$43,107.51</u>

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Schedule of Town Property

<i>Description</i>	<i>Value</i>
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 12,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Highway Department, Lands & Bldgs.	500.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Materials and Supplies	100.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	2,000.00
Water Supply, if owned by Town	115,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	84,800.00
Equipment	11,000.00
Town House at Stratford Center	2,000.00
Town Histories	450.00
<i>Total</i>	<hr/> \$243,350.00

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Town Clerk's Report

Number of Marriages in Town		10
Number of Births in Town		5
Number of Deaths in Town		4
361 Auto Permits		\$1,921.47
Amount paid to Treasurer		\$1,921.47
Dogs Licensed	\$60.00	
Less Fees	4.60	
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Amount paid to Treasurer		\$ 55.40

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD B. FULLER,
Town Clerk.

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Tax Collector's Report

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1949

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$54,380.39
Poll Taxes	914.00
Total Warrant	\$55,294.39
<i>Addes Taxes:</i>	
Poll Taxes	18.00
Interest Collected	.17
<i>Total Debits</i>	\$55,312.56

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$44,097.95
Poll Taxes	494.00
Interest Collected	.17
Abatements	70.40
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List	
Property Taxes	10,212.04
Poll Taxes	438.00
<i>Total Credits</i>	\$55,312.56

AMY J. BLODGETT,

Tax Collector.

Levy of 1948

Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1949:

Property Taxes	\$ 8,789.78
Poll Taxes	390.00
	\$ 9,179.78
Interest Collected During Fiscal	
Year Ended Dec. 31, 1949	35.88
<i>Total Debits</i>	\$ 9,215.66

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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal
Year Ended December 31, 1949:

Property Taxes, Percy Williams, Col.	\$2,938.98
Poll Taxes, Percy Williams, Col.	108.00
Interest, Percy Williams, Col.	11.96
Overdraft, Percy Williams, Col.	1.65
Property Taxes, Amy J. Blodgett, Col.	684.70
Poll Taxes, Am. J. Blodgett, Col.	56.00
Interest, Amy J. Blodgett, Col.	23.92
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:	
Property Taxes	5,164.45
Poll Taxes	226.00
<i>Total Credits</i>	<hr/> \$ 9,215.66
AMY J. BLODGETT,	
<i>Tax Collector.</i>	

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Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1949

BALANCE ON HAND, January 1, 1949 \$15,327.41

Received from Percy L. Williams,

Tax Collector:

1944	Poll	2.00
	Special Poll	3.00
1947	Polls	6.00
	Property Tax	16.73
	Interest	.32
1948	Polls	108.00
	Property Tax	2,938.98
	Interest	11.96
	Overdraft	1.65

Received from Army J. Blodgett,

Tax Collector:

1947	Polls	4.00
	Property Tax	720.00
	Interest	38.40
1948	Polls	56.00
	Property Tax	684.70
	Interest	23.92
1949	Polls	494.00
	Property Tax	44,097.95
	Interest	.17

From Mrs. Harold Ramsay:

Town Histories	2.25
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From Percy L. Williams, Town Hall Agent:

Rent of Town Hall	110.00
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From Charles Sedgell:

Rent—Cora Graham House	36.00
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From Frank A. Smith, Water Rent

Collector:

Water Rent	3,501.02
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From State of New Hampshire:	
One-half Forest Fire Training and Prevention	25.79
Bounty on Bears	60.00
Bounty on Hedgehogs	74.50
Savings Bank Tax	83.92
Railroad Tax	1,142.33
Interest and Dividend Tax	108.04
Farmers & Traders National Bank:	
Proceeds of Notes	9,959.16
From Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 30:	
Rent of Lodge Rooms—Oct. 1, 1948--	
Oct. 1, 1949	250.00
From William Boudle:	
Unexpended bal. of Memorial Day Fund	4.92
From W. A. Ruch, Municipal Court Justice:	
Fines and Costs	25.00
From School District:	
Health Supervision	500.00
From Mrs. E. Naylor:	
Rent of Provencher Bungalow	20.00
From Delia B. Hapgood, Public Health Nurse:	
Nursing Association Fees	590.50
From Edward B. Fuller, Town Clerk:	
Auto Tax	1,871.56
Dog Tax 1948-1949	51.80
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<i>Total Receipts</i>	\$82,951.98
Selectmen's Orders Paid	67,129.78
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CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1949	\$15,822.20
TRUE G. MARTIN,	
<i>Treasurer.</i>	

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RECEIPTS AND

Current Revenue:

Property Taxes, current year \$44,097.95

Poll taxes, current year,
regular at \$2 494.00

Total Current Year's taxes	
collected and remitted	\$44,591.95
Property taxes, previous years	4,360.41
Poll taxes, previous years, regular at \$2	176.00
Poll taxes, previous year, special at \$3	3.00
Interest received on taxes	74.77
Tax sales redeemed, Overdraft	1.65

From State:

Interest and dividend tax	108.04
Railroad tax	1,142.33
Savings bank tax	83.92
Fighting forest fires	25.79
Bounties	134.50

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	51.80
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	25.00
Rent of town property	416.00
Income from departments	4,591.52
Registration of motor vehicles, 1949	
Permits	1,871.56

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$57,658.24
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PAYMENTS

<i>Payments</i>	
<i>Current Maintenance Expenses:</i>	
<i>General Government:</i>	
Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,475.50
Town officers' expenses	800.11
Election and registration expenses	10.00
Municipal court expenses	112.00
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	1,953.66
<i>Protection of Persons and Property:</i>	
Fire department, including forest fires	813.26
Bounties	43.25
<i>Health:</i>	
Health department, including hospital	2,968.24
Vital statistics	13.00
Sewer maintenance	220.00
<i>Highways and Bridges:</i>	
Town Road Aid	309.25
Town Maintenance (Summer \$1063.63, Winter \$1128.20)	2,191.83
Street lighting and sprinkling	977.66
Gen'l Expenses of Highway Dept.	221.01
<i>Libraries:</i>	
Libraries	500.00
<i>Public Welfare:</i>	
Old age assistance	1,253.91
Town poor	497.30
<i>Patriotic Purposes:</i>	
Memorial Day & Veterans' Associations	200.00
Aid to soldiers and their families	215.49
<i>Recreation:</i>	
Parks and Playgrounds	13.50
<i>Public Service Enterprises:</i>	
Appropriations to water and electric utilities	229.20
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	89.75
<i>Unclassified:</i>	
Damages and legal expenses	306.86
 <i>Total Payments</i>	 <hr/> \$15,414.78

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RECEIPTS AND

Total receipts brought forward	\$57,658.24
<i>Receipts Other than Current Revenue:</i>	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	9,959.16
Refunds	4.92
Sale of town property	2.25
Withholding Tax: withheld but unpaid in December	60.30
Total Receipts from All Sources	\$67,684.87
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1949	15,327.41
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>\$83,012.28</i>

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PAYMENTS (continued)

Total payments brought forward	\$15,414.78
<i>Unclassified:</i>	
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	21.32
<i>Interest:</i>	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$ 40.84
Paid on long term notes	385.00
Paid on bonded debt	1,300.00
Total Interest Payments	1,725.84
<i>Indebtedness:</i>	
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	9,959.16
Payments on long term notes	1,000.00
Payments on bonded debt	4,000.00
Total Indebtedness Payments	14,959.16
<i>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</i>	
Taxes paid to County	3,779.07
Payments to School Districts	31,289.91
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	35,068.98
Total Payments for all Purposes	67,190.08
Cash on hand December 31, 1949	15,822.20
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>\$83,012.28</i>

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Date: Feb. 21, 1950.

BURRITT H. HINMAN,
JESSIE C. SILSBY,
HAROLD W. RAMSAY,
Selectmen.
TRUE G. MARTON,
Treasurer.

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Detailed Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries

Burritt H. Hinman, Selectman	\$ 200.00
Harold W. Ramsay, Selectman	200.00
Jessie C. Silsby, Selectman	200.00
Amy J. Blodgett, Tax Collector	225.00
Amy J. Blodgett, Clerk Jan. & Feb.	43.00
Edith M. Lowe, Treasurer	75.00
Edith M. Lowe, Clerk	252.00
Edward B. Fuller, Town Clerk	100.00
Edward B. Fuller, Issuing Auto Permits	180.50

\$1,475.00

Town Officers' Expenses

Brown & Saltmarsh, Office Supplies	\$ 11.85
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., Telephone Serv.	84.17
Amy J. Blodgett, postage on Tax Bills	10.00
Amy J. Blodgett, Attending Tax Meeting	
and expenses to Tax Convention	17.35
Amy J. Blodgett, Rent 2 mos. & office sup.	28.25
George Zoulias, stamped envelopes and	
Auditing	36.66
Hugh H. Johnson, Auditing	30.00
Coos County Registry of Deeds, Recording	12.62
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide, 1949 Edition	5.00
Edith M. Lowe, Rent and Expense	59.00
Northern Office Supply, Repairing Adding	
Machine	17.50
Burritt H. Hinman, Attending Tax Meeting	
and Expenses	10.88
Coos County Democrat, Printing Reports	
and Notice	192.53
Percy L. Williams, Postage	1.00
Bert Stinson, Car Expense	5.00
Edson C. Eastman, Tax Books and Office	
Supplies	20.45

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Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Officers' Bonds	109.43
Association of Assessors, Dues	2.00
Jessie C. Silsby, Attending Tax Meeting and telephone expense	9.53
Secretary of State, Revised Laws	10.00
Ida M. Horner, Tax Association Dues	2.00
Division of Municipal Accounting, Auditing Tax Books	58.09
Gale Hawkins, Post Office Box Rent	.45
Sargent Bros., Printing Tax Bills and Envelopes	19.50
Charles R. Hardy, Town Clerks' Asso. Dues	2.00
Harold W. Ramsay, Use of Car for Inven- tory, etc.	25.00
Harold W. Ramsay, Attending Tax Meeting, use of car and dinners	19.85

\$ 800.11

Election and Registration

Burritt H. Hinman, Moderator	\$ 10.00
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Municipal Court

Willard A. Ruch, Justice	\$ 100.00
Public Service Co. of N. H., Electric Lights	12.00

\$ 112.00

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Gulf Oil Corporation, Fuel Oil	\$1,065.68
Public Service Co. of New Hamp., Electric Lights	72.81
Raymond Savage, Fan Belt for Furnace	1.35
Percy L. Williams, Janitor Service and supplies	365.56
Nugent's Plumbing & Heating, Repairing	54.96
Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies	9.85
Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Insurance	323.57
N. J. Bergeron, Labor	8.75
Donald Shoff, Repairing Roof	22.22
Frank A. Smith, Labor	23.00
Harold W. Ramsay, Supplies	5.91

\$1,953.66

Fire Department

Raymond Savage, Attending Fire and Cleaning Snow	\$ 7.00
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Town of Northumberland, Fires at Stratford Hollow 1948	170.00
Colebrook Fire Department, Hotel Fire	154.00
Rupert Willey, Forest Fire Payrolls and Expenses	342.76
Conn. General Life Ins. Co., Insurance	82.50
Frank A. Smith, Labor	3.00
Harold W. Ramsay, 18 Fire Extinguishers	54.00

\$ 813.26

Bounties

Bert Stinson, Hedgehogs	\$ 2.00
Stephen Shoff, Hedgehog	.25
H. W. Ramsay, Hedgehogs	23.00
Wilfred Reed, 1 Bear	5.00
Raymond Savage, 1 Bear	5.00
Jessie Silsby, 1 Bear (Clifford Christie) Hedgehogs	8.00

\$ 43.25

Health Department

Delia B. Hapgood, Public Health Nurse	\$2,174.99
Delia B. Hapgood, Vacation	150.00
Delia B. Hapgood, Transportation	650.00
Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies	18.25
Roger Hunt, Health Officer	25.00

\$2,968.24

Vital Statistics

Edward B. Fuller	\$ 13.00
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Sewer Maintenance

Alice B. Hutchins, Sewer Lease	\$ 200.00
Frank A. Smith, Labor	20.00

\$ 220.00

Town Maintenance

SUMMER

Harold W. Ramsay, Cleaning Streets	\$ 49.60
William Egan, Town Road Agent, Labor and Payroll	246.11
Treas., State of N. H., Cold Patching Streets, Tar, Manipulation, etc.	534.25
Bert Stinson, Bog Brook Bridge	48.71
East Burke Lumber Company, Lumber	152.16

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Stratford Garage, Wrecker Service	10.00
Roland Poutre, Cleaning Streets—man and truck	22.80
	<hr/> \$1,063.63

WINTER

Reginald Lamere, Plowing and Sanding	\$ 169.25
William Egan, Town Road Agent, Labor and Payroll	489.22
Groveton Papers Co., Hemlock Boards	70.00
Roland Poutre, Plowing and Sanding	211.35
Treas. State of Vermont, Rental of State Plow	8.05
Nugent's Plumbing & Heating, Thawing Culvert	7.50
Stratford Garage, Work on Snow Plow	1.90
Municipal Steel Corp., Cutting edges on plow	93.93
Blair Veneer Company, Lumber from Sheltry's Mill	77.00
	<hr/> \$1,128.20

TOWN ROAD AID

Treas. State of New Hampshire	\$ 309.25
<i>Street Lighting</i>	
Public Service Co. of New Hamp.	\$ 977.66
<i>General Expense</i>	
Nugent's Plumbing & Heating, Guard Rail on Bridge	\$ 122.38
George Ritchie, Labor, Painting Sign	15.00
Treas. State of New Hampshire, 7 Steel Sign Posts	10.50
William Egan, Cleaning Dump & Ashes	43.75
Howard McMann, Cleaning Dump & Ashes	23.00
L. P. Brown, Moving Logs	4.50
Maine Central R. R., Scrap Rail	1.88
	<hr/> \$ 221.01

Libraries

Ethel P. Johnson, Treas., Appropriation	\$ 500.00
<i>Old Age Assistance</i>	
State of New Hampshire	\$1,253.91

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Town Poor

Mrs. Hollis Leavitt, Board & Care of James Provencher	\$ 182.97
Mrs. Jay C. Knights, Board & Care of William Young	85.00
Raymond Savage, Car to Hospital and digging grave for J. P.	29.00
Coos County Hospital, Care of James Provencher	28.25
Bruce Kelly, M. D., Medical Services, James Provencher	23.50
Alphonse Lacasse, Taxi for James Provencher	6.00
R. R. Jenkins, Funeral Service, James Provencher	106.50
Styles Drug Store, Medicine for James Provencher	2.45
No. Stratford Grain Co., Material for Provencher Bungalow	27.88
Willie Poulin, Meals & Lodging for tramps	5.75
	<hr/> \$ 497.30

Memorial Day and Veterans' Memorial

Trust Fund

William Boudle, one half appropriation	\$ 50.00
Mrs. Flora Brown, one half appropriation	50.00
Walter L. Niles, Treas., one half Trust Fund Appropriation	50.00
Edith M. Lowe, Treas., one half Trust Fund Appropriation	50.00
	<hr/> \$ 200.00

Soldiers' Aid

Harold W. Ramsay, Groceries & clothing	\$ 215.49
<i>Parks and Playgrounds</i>	
Charles Hodgins, Repairing Monument	\$ 2.50
John Drapeau, Care of Monument	5.00
Canadian Nat'l Railways, Park and Fountain Site	6.00
	<hr/> \$ 13.50

Water Department

Joseph G. Pollard Co., Battery	\$ 6.94
Nugent's Plumbing & Heating, Labor	6.00

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H. W. Ramsay, Express on Water Bottles	9.63
Sentinel Publishing Company, Printing	15.00
Frank A. Smith, Labor	191.63

\$ 229.20

Cemeteries

Wm. Fuller, Labor in Center Cemetery	\$ 21.75
Horace Hammond, Labor in Center Cemetery	28.00
Hugh Johnson, Mowing Center Cemetery	40.00

\$ 89.75

Damage and Legal Expenses

William H. Lehnert, Legal Services, 1948-49	\$ 115.46
Hinkley & Hinkley, Legal Services, 1943-44	186.25
Brown & Saltmarsh, Dog Tags	5.15

\$ 306.86

Socony Vacuum Oil Co., refund on taxes	\$ 21.32
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Interest

Lancaster National Bank, Interest on Water Bonds	\$1,300.00
Robert P. Burroughs, Interest on Water Notes	137.50
First National Bank of Westboro, Int. on Water Notes	220.00
Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank, Int. on Water Notes	27.50
Farmers & Traders National Bank, Interest on loan	40.84

\$1,725.84

Bonds

Lancaster National Bank, Water Bond Payments	\$4,000.00
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Notes

Lancaster National Bank, Water Note Payments	\$1,000.00
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Temporary Loans

Farmers & Traders National Bank	\$9,959.16
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<i>State and County Precinct</i>	
J. Arthur Sullivan, County Tax	\$3,779.07
<i>School</i>	
Edith M. Lowe, District Treasurer	31,289.91
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<i>Total Payments</i>	\$67,190.08
Withholding Tax unpaid for quarter ending Dec. 31	60.30
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<i>Total Amount Paid</i>	\$67,129.78

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1949.

Date of Creation	Name of Fund Estate of-	How Invested	Bal. of Inc. at Begin. of Year	Income During Year	Exp'd During Year	Bal. of Inc. at End of Year
1897	N. D. Piper }	Siwoog'k G. S. Bank, Lancaster	404.56	8.12	8.12	404.56
1907	Laura Johnson }	"	116.17	2.33	2.33	116.17
1918	Isaac Johnson }	"	101.00	2.03	2.03	101.00
1928	Isaac Crown }	"	103.04	2.07		105.11
1934	Eliza Connary }	"	100.00	2.01	2.01	100.00
1935	Clara Waters }	"	300.00	6.03	6.03	300.00
1935	Alice Wheeler, 3 lots }	"	200.00	4.02	4.02	200.00
1935	Florence French, 2 lots }	"	102.05	2.05	2.05	102.05
1936	Rev. L. W. Prescott }	Plymouth G. S. Bank, Plymouth	102.61	2.01	2.01	104.66
1937	Michael & John O. Dowd }	Siwoog'k G. S. Bank, Lancaster	100.00	2.01	2.01	100.00
1939	Christopher Day }	"	200.00	10.00	10.00	200.00
1941	G. P. Ockington & J. G. Stone }	2 shares Siwoog. Bk. Stock, 2 lots	100.00	2.01	2.01	100.00
1946	Rev. Blanche Morey }	Siwoog'k G. S. Bank, Lancaster	200.00	4.02	4.02	200.00
1946	Ernest J. Bean }	"	200.00	4.02	4.02	200.00
1946	Frederick A. Hapgood }	"	101.33	2.03	2.03	101.33
1946	Martha Burns }	"	100.67	2.01		102.68
1948	Angelo Del Mendico }	"	100.00	1.33		101.33
1948	McNally Lot, Ella Howes, donor }	"	200.00	.67		200.67
1949	Emma Stone }	"				

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

DELIA B. HAPGOOD, PAULINE HUNT,
Trustees of Trust Funds

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Library Trustees' Report

Receipts

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1949	\$270.74
Rent from Laura Johnson Library	24.00
Fines from North Stratford Library	31.47
Books sold	3.85
Appropriation for 1949	500.00
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	\$830.06

Expenditures

Books	\$124.24	
Rent for No. Strat. Library	144.00	
Salaries	187.00	
Supplies	29.63	
Repairs at Laura Johnson Library	28.75	
Miscellaneous	13.26	
	<hr/>	526.88

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1950 \$303.18

Respectfully submitted,
ETHEL P. JOHNSON,
Treasurer.

TOWN OF STRATFORD

Report of Municipal Court

1949

Received fines for Town of Stratford	\$ 43.60
Received fines for Motor Vehicle Dept.	167.40
Received costs for Town of Stratford	27.00
Received costs for Motor Vehicle Dept.	15.90
Received costs for Coos County, officers, etc.	72.40
Costs not collected in dismissed or appealed cases (minus)	24.20
Total	<hr/> \$302.10

Paid to Motor Vehicle Department	\$183.30
Paid to Coos County	6.50
Paid to Witnesses	2.00
Paid to Officers	60.40
Paid to Town of Stratford	25.00
Overpaid Town of Stratford Dec. 31, 1948	16.20
Due Town of Stratford Dec. 31, 1949	8.70
Total	<hr/> \$302.10

There were 15 cases under criminal laws, three cases under civil laws, and three for protection of juveniles.

WILLARD RUCH,
Justice.

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Water Department Report

December 31, 1949	
Collections for 1949	\$3,482.27
Deposit with Town Treasurer	3,501.02
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	\$ 18.75
Unpaid account 1948	\$1,400.55
Billings	3,458.25
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	\$4,858.80
Less Vacancy	145.01
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	\$4,713.79
Less Collections	3,482.27
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Unpaid Balance	\$1,231.52

FRANK A. SMITH,
Collector.

TOWN OF STRATFORD

Public Health Nursing Report

Year Ending December 31, 1949

Nursing Care Visits	763
Metropolitan calls	154
Obstetrical	14
Baby visits	82
Welfare	370
School	178
Clinics	3

1564

Fees collected	\$590.50
Fees turned to treasurer	\$590.50

Respectfully submitted,
DELIA B. HAPGOOD,
Public Health Nurse.

January 1950.

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Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund

North Stratford Share: True G. Martin, Treas.

One-half Children's Recreation Fund	\$100.00
One-half Reimbursement from State	89.90
One-half 1948 appropriation	50.00
One-half 1949 appropriation	50.00
Interest	6.22
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	\$296.12

Walter L. Niles, Treas. (Stratford Hollow)

1948

Aug. 9.	Rec'd one-half of Children's Recreation Fund	\$100.00
	Rec'd one-half of money from State	89.00
	Rec'd one-half of appropriation from Town	50.00
Aug. 19.	Received from Stratford Community Club	59.22
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		\$298.22

1949

Oct. 8.	Rec'd from two card parties	53.00
Oct. 19.	Appropriation from Town	50.00
	Interest	3.73
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		\$404.95

(Peoples National Bank, Groveton,
Book No. 2816)

TOWN OF STRATFORD

Auditors' Report

This is to certify that we have audited the books and records of the town of Stratford for the fiscal year January 1 to December 31, 1949, and find them in order for the Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer, Water Department Collector, Municipal Court, Public Health Nurse, Trustees of Trust Funds and Tax Collector.

We recommend that the Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector and Auditors make a study of all old uncollected taxes and the proper authorities take some kind of action on them.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE ZOULIAS,
HUGH H. JOHNSON,
Auditors.

North Stratford, N. H.
February 14, 1950.

TOWN OF STRATFORD

REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATFORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1949

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School Warrant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stratford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in the village of North Stratford, in said district, on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 1950, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or other Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
8. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

TOWN OF STRATFORD

Given under our hand at said Stratford this
1st day of February, 1950.

LESLIE E. BARNETT,
WALTER NILES,
ALICE RUCH,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LESLIE E. BARNETT,
WALTER NILES,
ALICE RUCH,

School Board.

Motion Moved that the school district raise and appropriate \$. and to authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board exclusive of state aid, and upon the determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

(Suggested motion to follow for Article 7)

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Organization

	Term Expires
Leslie E. Barnett	1950
Walter L. Niles	1951
Alice Ruch	1952
Treasurer, Edith M. Lowe	
Clerk, Edna Fuller	
Truant Officer, Delia B. Hapgood	
Auditors, Hugh H. Johnson, George Zoulis	
Moderator, Burritt H. Hinman	
Supt. of Schools, David Appleton	
Board meetings are called by the Chairman.	

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1949

Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1948	\$ 2,116.76
Received from Selectmen:	
Appropriation	\$29,839.17
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Aid	12,264.10
Fed. Aid, Nat'l school lunch	85.62
Received from all other sources	3,826.19
	<hr/> 46,015.08
Total amt. available for school year	\$48,131.84
Less school board orders paid	47,781.83
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Bal on hand as of June 30, 1949	\$ 350.01

EDITH M. LOWE,
District Treasurer.

July 13, 1949

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

1948		
	Selectmen, taxation	\$29,839.17
Aug. 13	Refund M. Harwood's Course—	
	Plymouth	18.00
1949		
Jan. 1	State Treasurer, State Aid	12,264.10
Jan. 12	Town of Brunswick, Tuition	636.25
	Stratford High School, Dec. milk receipts	42.52
Feb. 1	State Treasurer, Federal Lunch	22.80
10	Town of Bloomfield, Tuition	812.50
18	Stratford High School, Jan. & Feb. milk receipts	60.80
Mar. 3	State Treasurer, Federal Lunch	20.06
25	State Treasurer, Federal Lunch	13.76
30	Stratford High School, March milk receipts	44.20
May 4	State Treasurer, Federal Lunch	19.94
10	Stratford High School, April milk receipts	21.92

TOWN OF STRATFORD

June 2	State Treasurer, Federal lunch	9.06
29	Town of Maidstone, Tuition	797.50
	Town of Bloomfield, Tuition	750.00
	Town of Brunswick, Tuition	642.50
		\$46,015.08

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Stratford, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949 and find them correct in all respects.

HUGH H. JOHNSON,
Auditor.

July 13, 1949.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1949

Receipts

State and federal aid:

Equalization fund for elementary schools	\$12,264.10
Federal aid, National School Lunch	85.62

Total	\$12,349.72
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Income from local taxation:

Support of schools, tuition, salaries, debts and interest and other statutory obligations	29,839.17
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From sources other than taxation:

Elementary school tuitions	1,326.25
Secondary school tuitions	2,312.50
Receipts for school lunches	169.44
Other receipts	18.00

Total	\$ 3,826.19
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Total receipts from all sources	\$46,015.08
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1948	2,116.76
<i>Grand Total</i>	\$48,131.84

Payments

	Total Amount	General Expense	Support of High School	Support of Elemen. School
Administration:				
Salaries of district officers	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00		
Supt's excess salary	700.87	700.87		
Per Capita Tax	452.00	452.00		
Sal. of other adm. personnel	347.50	347.50		
Supplies & expenses	302.73	302.73		
Instruction:				
Teachers' salaries	26,445.60		10,222.38	16,223.22
Books & Other Instr. Aids	709.93		406.35	303.58
Scholars' supplies	796.20		424.24	371.96
Supplies & other exp.	409.01		64.09	344.92
Operation of School Plant:				
Janitor service	1,414.20		478.15	936.05
Fuel	2,382.16		1,041.58	1,340.58
Water, lights, janitors' supplies	406.31		176.96	229.35
Maintenance of School Plant:				
Repairs & replacements	1,446.60		624.38	822.22
Auxiliary agencies and special activities:				
Health supervision	500.00			500.00
Transportation	4,850.00		1,103.00	3,747.00
Special activities & special funds	731.13		412.00	319.13
Fixed Charges:				
Employees' Retirement	1,149.06	1,149.06		
Insurance	694.97	694.97		

TOWN OF STRATFORD

Capital Outlay:			
New Equipment	3,778.56	3,778.56	
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Total payments			
for all purposes	\$47,781.83	\$7,690.69	\$14,953.13 \$25,138.01
Total cash on hand			
at end of year			
(June 30, 1949)	350.01		
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Grand Total	\$48,131.84		

BALANCE SHEET

Assets, June 30, 1949	
Cash on hand	\$350.01
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Total Assets	\$350.01
Liabilities, June 30, 1949	000.00
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Total Liabilities	000.00
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	350.01
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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$350.01

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Stratford of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HUGH H. JOHNSON,
Auditor.

July 9, 1949.

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COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGET

In order that a better picture may be had of the district's finances, we are showing the exact expenditures for 1948-1949, our estimate for 1949-1950 and the proposed budget for 1950-1951.

Summary

	Expend. for 1948-1949	Estimate for 1949-1950	Budget for 1950-1951
Salaries of Dist. Officers	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 270.00
Superintendent's Salary	700.87	752.30	836.00
Tax for State Wide Supervision	452.00	486.00	490.00
Sal. of Other Adm. Personnel	347.50	399.45	389.30
Supplies & Other Exp.	302.73	323.60	325.19
Administration	\$ 2,068.10	\$ 2,226.35	\$ 2,310.49
Teachers' Salaries	\$26,445.60	\$27,125.00	\$28,125.00
Books & Other Inst. Aids	709.93	508.70	565.70
Scholars' Supplies	796.20	508.35	607.50
Other Instructional Exp.	409.01	330.00	330.00
Instruction	\$28,360.74	\$28,472.05	\$29,628.20
Janitor Service	\$ 1,414.20	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Fuel	2,382.16	2,318.00	2,830.00
Water, Light & Other Exp.	406.31	400.00	500.00
Operation of School Plant	\$ 4,202.67	\$ 4,118.00	\$ 4,730.00
Repairs & Replacements (Maintenance)	\$ 1,446.60	\$ 975.00	\$ 600.00
Health Supervision	500.00	620.00	620.00
Transportation	4,850.00	4,700.00	4,700.00
Special Fund Activities	731.13	625.00	475.00
Auxiliary Services	\$ 6,081.13	\$ 5,945.00	\$ 5,795.00
State Retirement	\$ 1,149.06	\$ 1,389.40	\$ 1,438.76
Insurance, Bonds & Exp.	694.97	303.48	409.40
Fixed Charges	\$ 1,844.03	\$ 1,692.88	\$ 1,848.16
Equipment	\$ 3,778.56	\$ 225.00	\$ 425.00
Bal. Cash	350.01		
Total Payments	\$48,131.84	\$43,654.28	\$45,336.85

TOWN OF STRATFORD

Receipts

Receipts:

Cash on Hand	\$ 2,116.76	\$ 350.01	
From Town Appropriation	29,839.17	36,663.30	\$37,695.88
State Aid	12,264.10	3,740.97	3,740.97
Federal Aid	85.62	100.00	100.00
Tuition	3,638.75	2,600.00	3,800.00
School Lunch	169.44		
Other Receipts	18.00	200.00	
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	\$48,131.84	\$43,654.28	\$45,336.85

BUDGET FOR 1950-1951

School Board's estimate of the amount required to support public schools and to meet other statutory obligations for the year beginning July 1, 1950.

Detailed Statement of Proposed Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Salaries of Teachers & Prin.	\$11,300.00	\$16,825.00	\$28,125.00
Books & Other Instructional			
Aids	395.20	170.50	565.70
Scholars' Supplies	232.50	375.00	607.50
Other Instructional Exp.	280.00	50.00	330.00
Salaries of Janitors	600.00	800.00	1,400.00
Fuel	905.00	1,925.00	2,830.00
Water, Light and Other			
Expenses	200.00	300.00	500.00
Repairs and Replacements	200.00	400.00	600.00
Health Supervision	150.00	470.00	620.00
Transportation	1,000.00	3,700.00	4,700.00
Special Fund Activities	225.00	250.00	475.00
New Equipment	150.00	275.00	425.00
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Total	\$15,637.70	\$25,540.50	\$41,178.20

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 270.00
Superintendent's Salary	836.00
Tax for State Wide Supervision	490.00
Sal. of Other Adm. Personnel	389.30

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Supplies & Other Expenses	325.19	
State Retirement	1,438.76	
Insurance, Bonds, & Expenses	409.40	
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Total Estimated Expense		\$45,336.85
Estimated Income of the District		
Other Than Taxation:		
State Aid (Estimate)	\$ 3,740.97	
Federal Aid (Estimate)	100.00	
Tuition	3,800.00	
	<hr/>	7,640.97
Total estimated income		7,640.97
Assessment required to balance budget		\$37,695.88

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. BARNETT,
WALTER NILES,
ALICE RUCH,
School Board.

Stratford, N. H.
1950

TOWN OF STRATFORD

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 1949-1950

School Support

In the last half century, public education has more nearly portrayed the best in democratic practices than any other single agency. The structure of public schools is indicative of this practice since education is available through public support to all children and youth from kindergarten through senior high school and in many states from nursery school age through junior colleges.

The tremendous progress in the fields of art, science, medicine, business, government—yes—and even of fighting wars and subsequently of establishing and maintaining a just and durable peace—to all these—public education has been the greatest single contributor.

Public education has been alert to the many changes in social and scientific progress and has continuously been striking to provide every boy and girl with full opportunity for growth and development for citizenship in a democratic society. The role of public education has been expanded and a sincere effort has been made to meet the requirements of this changing social order. How well schools have succeeded in meeting these requirements is revealed in the remarkable development of our nation.

The early leaders of our country agreed that the success of our democratic form of government was dependent upon the education of all the people, thus free public schools were established. State constitutions placed responsibility upon future generations for the continuing development of education, and education became a function and responsibility of the state, since it alone could best overcome the wide variances among local school districts to adequately support education. Throughout our nation, states have accepted this responsibility and have increased substantially the amount of state

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funds redistributed for school purposes. Our state of New Hampshire embarked upon an austerity program and decreased the amount of state support by over one and a half million.

Stratford can be justly proud of assuming nearly the entire responsibility of providing adequate funds for our school program with very little assistance from the state. We are now making a genuine effort to provide sufficient revenue for expanding and improving educational services, but when this revenue is wholly dependent upon a local real estate tax that is at present overburdened—it is easily seen that the responsibility for equalizing educational opportunity rests with the state. The state should broaden the tax base by collecting taxes from sources other than real estate and redistribute these funds to local school districts on the basis of (1) a communities educational needs (foundation program) (2) its ability to support a good educational program (3) providing tax leeway.

Miss Nancy Sullivan of Lancaster, a graduate of New Rochelle College, was elected to teach English and French. She replaced Miss Mary Petrella who is continuing her education at the University of N. H.

Mr. David Blair, a graduate of Dartmouth College, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Horace Schnare. Mr. Blair teaches social studies in grades 7-12.

Miss Mickelson, Mr. Harwood, and Mr. Zoulias returned to their respective positions after enjoying profitable experiences at summer school. Our Headmaster, Mr. Zoulias, should be commended for his untiring efforts and his wholehearted interest in our school and community.

Teachers from this entire "north country" area met in Groveton on September 30th to participate in a program designed to illustrate the many uses of audio-visual aids in classroom work. At the request of many teachers an in-service course in Audio-Visual Education sponsored by the University of N. H. Extension Service and taught by Mr. Austin V. Olney, has been offered during the first semester.

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Starting out on what originally appeared as routine repair work on a section of the foundation at the Stratford Hollow School gradually developed into a complete rebuilding of the foundation. Some of the walls and a section of the hallway were repaired with celotex and both classrooms painted. Essential minor repairs were made at the High School.

One of the highlights of the year was the organization of the Stratford Parent-Teacher Association. This group of lay-professional people is working together to build a mutual understanding of the problems of home and school, and is striving for the very best in education for the children of Stratford.

I wish to express my appreciation to the citizens of Stratford for their liberal support of our schools, to the School Board members for their guidance and assistance in the administration of school affairs, and to the teachers for their splendid cooperation and conscientious service.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID APPLETON,

Superintendent of Schools

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Table of Comparative Enrollments

Grade	1946	1947	1948	1949	Est. 1950
1	22	22	29	29	19
2	29	24	22	29	29
3	23	22	25	20	29
4	28	22	21	21	20
5	19	26	23	24	21
6	26	15	25	21	24
7	21	25	14	26	21
8	22	18	22	19	26
	190	114	181	189	189
9	19	21	20	25	24
10	16	18	16	19	25
11	10	13	13	14	19
12	15	10	11	11	14
	60	62	60	69	82
Grand Total	250	236	241	258	271

School Calendar

1950-51

	Begins	Ends
Fall Term	September 6	December 20
Winter Term	January 2	February 16
Spring Term	February 26	April 20
Summer Term	April 30	June 15

Holidays

Teachers' Convention—October 19, 20, 1950
 Thanksgiving Recess—November 22, 23, 24, 1950
 Christmas Vacation—December 20 to January 2
 Winter Vacation—February 16 to February 26
 Spring Vacation—April 20 to April 30
 Memorial Day—May 30, 1951

Number of One Day Sessions

October 19, 1950
 November 22, 1950

Graduation

North Stratford -- June 15, 1950

Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1949

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage	Age and Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	No. of Marriage and Name, Residence and Station of Person by Whom Married
December 3	Leslie Blodgett	Stratford	29 Mill worker	Northumberland	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller
North Stratford	Charlotte Shetlry	No. Stratford	20 Telephone Oper.	Northumberland	1 No. Stratford
June 18	John Boudle	No. Stratford	26 Laborer	Brunswick, Vt.	2 Rev. E. M. Fuller
North Stratford	Priscilla Shedd	Stratford	18 Student	Groveton	1 No. Stratford
November 6	Calvin Blodgett	Stratford	59 Mechanic	Northumberland	2 Rev. L. H. Moulton
Northumberland	Elizabeth Hubbard	Colebrook	49 Housework	Hudson, Me.	2 Northumberland
March 20	James Cass, Jr.	E. Stratford	42 Farmer	Groveton	3 Rev. E. M. Fuller
North Stratford	Barbara Christie	E. Stratford	27 Mill worker	Stratford	1 No. Stratford
May 6	Daniel Daley Jr.	Bloomfield, Vt.	23 Laborer	Bloomfield, Vt.	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller
North Stratford	Ethelyn Hawkins	Stratford	24 Mill worker	Montreal	2 No. Stratford
May 14	James Fields	No. Stratford	38 Mechanic	Quebec	1 No. Stratford
North Stratford	Claire Butler	Quebec	27 Silk mill	Sutton, Que.	2 Rev. L. J. Poulin
November 5	Ernest Gregoire	No. Stratford	46 Woodsman	Canada	2 Rev. E. C. Osborne
Berlin	Madeleine Marges	No. Stratford	36 Mill worker	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	3 Berlin, N. H.
October 2	Gerald Hinchey	No. Stratford	28 Mill mechanic	Colebrook	2 Rev. G. L. Hopkins
North Stratford	Mary Ramsay	Bloomfield, Vt.	18 Mill worker	Bloomfield, Vt.	1 No. Stratford
May 25	Louis Lajoie	No. Stratford	24 Mill worker	Van Buren, Me.	1 Rev. L. J. Poulin
North Stratford	Mary Shannon	Groveton	19 Mill worker	Berlin	1 No. Stratford
May 16	Reginald McCauley	Richmond, Va.	51 Bookbinder	Newport, Vt.	2 Rev. E. M. Fuller
North Stratford	Margaret McCauley	Newport, Vt.	49 Secretary	Brookline, Mass.	2 No. Stratford
November 2	Alton Potter	North'berland	43 Farmer	New Hamp.	1 Congregatl Chris.
Stratford	Edna Merriam	No. Stratford	33 At home	New Hamp.	2 Northumberland
April 17	Raymond Shute	Mercedith	22 Lathie operator	New Hamp.	1 Rev. W. S. Norman
Mercedith Ctr.	Beatrice Stafford	Stratford	16 At home	Mercedith	2 Ashland
February 22	Harold Wheeler	North'berland	33 Laborer	New Hamp.	2 Rev. L. H. Moulton
Northumberland	Dorothy Peers	North'berland	33 At home	Canada	2 Northumberland

Births Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending, December 31, 1949

Date of Birth and Name of Child (if any)	Sex—L or S No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Apr 29 Larry Gardner	M L 2	Stewart Blodgett	Marion Gardner	Columbia, N. H.	Whitefield
Oct 3 Mary Eva	F L 1	Edwin Baker	Dorothy Blodgett	Canaan, Vt.	No. Stratford
Dec 13 Oliver Paul	M L 10	Clarence Bernard	Louise Thivierge	Vermont	Vermont
Dec 14 Richard Paul	M L 2	Robert Bernier	Ladis Konop	Fall River, Mass.	Chelsea, Mass.
Dec 16 Mitchell William	M L 4	Bernard Boutin	Hilda Davis	Vermont	Canada
May 4 Raymond Curtis	M L 3	Raymond Curtis	Sheila McAuliffe	No. Stratford	England
Sept 5 William	M L 3	Maurice Connary	Constance Gilman	Stratford	Groveton
Sept 7 Robert Rene	M L 1	Jos. L. R. Couture	Gloria Stinson	Berlin	Stratford
July 13 Christ'r David	M L 9	Holman Dowse	Phyllis Reed	No. Stratford	Lenington, Vt.
Aug 19 Terrance Howard	M L 2	Howard Dowse	Marion Daley	Groveton	Boston, Mass.
Apr 1 Edward Ervin	M L 3	Edward Goodrum	Minnie Riff	Northumberland	Island Pond, Vt.
Nov 9 Bryon Noel	M L 3	Warren Hapgood	Charlotte Brown	No. Stratford	Somerville, Mass.
Mar 14 Susan Ruth	F L 1	Martin Harwood	Wynetta Riff	Lebanon	Hanover
Aug 6 Cynthia Avis	F L 2	Robert Lovering	G'adys Riff	W. Stewartstown	No. Stratford
Nov 30 Madeline Marie	F L 2	Lionel Maltais	Marguerite LaBonte	Maine	Canada
July 22 Robert Leo	M L 3	Leo Normandeau	Eva Emery	Vermont	New York
Sept 2 Alma Jean	F L 2	Louis Roby	Dora Reynolds	Beecher Falls, Vt.	Ludlow, Vt.
July 11 Sidney Arthur	M L 5	Sidney Roby		Norton Mills, Vt.	Randolph, Me.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1949

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years, Months and Days and Place of Birth	Male or Female, Single Married, Widowed and Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Aug 17 No. Stratford	Margaret A. Dowse	68 7 18 Lemington, Vt.	F W Housewife	Edgar Stoddard	Helen Merrill
Apr 24 No. Stratford	Mary Anne Graham	82 3 28 St. Sylvester, P.Q.	F M Housewife	John Finnegan	Esther Comathe
Mar 31 W. Stewarts'n	James Provencher	77 7 16 Canada	M S Woodsman	John Provencher	Agnes Champagne
Nov 22 Lancaster	Raymond Patenaude	23 5 7 Guildhall, Vt.	M M Farmer	Fred Patenaude	Elsie Dearborn
Sept 16 Lisbon	Seth Richardson	57 8 6 Franconia	M S Mechanic	Albert Richardson	Alma I. Dennis
Aug 6 No. Stratford	Mary G. Riggie	75 5 10 Coaticook	F W Housewife	Elzear Goupil	Mattilde Desent
Oct 28 W. Stewarts'n	Frank Roby	69 8 2 Pittsburg	M M Laborer	Frank Roby	Mary Bougault
Dec 26 Lancaster	Frank Stone	82 E. Stratford	M M Sawmill Oper.	Nicholas Stone	Eliza
Dec 20 No. Stratford	Eva Boird	84 Colebrook	F W Housework	Henry Hammond	Eliza Merrill
Dec 24 Haverhill	Henry J. Leighton	76 Stark	M M Laborer	Frank Leighton	Eliza Spreadbury

